

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Lifetime Achievement Award

### **Nick Moulas**

Nick Moulas has worked in the community for over 50 years, helping, suppling and support people from all walks of life. He has volunteered his time. He has worked 7 days a week so he was excisable to every one. He had time for every one, helped with advice, "pay me when you can" was his mantra. He treated every with respect.

Nick Moulas carried this town one truck at a time.

Nick Moulas came from Greece in 1965, he took on transport work and in 1968 had work driving a truck to the outback, Port Augusta, Coober Pedy and small settlements on the APY lands. Coober Pedy was the biggest attraction, in 1972 to 1979 he took on full time opal mining. In 1980 to 1984 Nick identified the problem of no fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Fish or Poultry in town. The children's health was his biggest concern. He drove an old truck on hundreds of Klm of dirt road to help families out. Again his mantra "pay me when you can" he knew it would never happen, but the children and families needed the fresh food. 1985 he started a Building supply business. The town was growing up and the population was more families then single miners. The need was for improved housing, underground or above ground. Inside toilet instead of the long drop in the middle of the yard. There was nothing you couldn't buy from him, from the bizarre the standard nuts bolts and screws. Free delivery and the old mantra of "pay me when you can" There is not a house or dugout in Coober Pedy, Mintabie, Oodnadatta and the APY lands that he hasn't made a delivery to. As a town we would not exist if it wasn't for nick, and his long hours driving on the dirt roads, his incredible stock of building materials, his contacts for that something different and his commitment to Coober Pedy. Nick moved people from Coober Pedy all over Australia. He cleaned the town of scrap metal and transport cars to Adelaide for next to nothing. Nick employed local opal miners to help out. Miners down on their luck, that hadn't found opal in some time. In 2006 Nick had a heart attack and was away for a year. He returned in 2007 to look after Coober Pedy for several years until his health deteriorated again. He now lives with his family in Adelaide. but we all know his heart is in Coober Pedy.

Nick Moulas was Present of the Greek for many years, supporting the local community and Events.

There are the people that don't stand out because what they do and how they contribute to Community is their private business and they wish to remain unnamed and unnoticed. Nick is one of these people. Nick Moulas is well respected and missed in Coober Pedy.

## **YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINEES**

### **Attila Foelai**

Attila volunteers at Dusty Radio and has been one of the few people to consistently broadcast shows since Dusty's founder, Bob Pryce, died in 2018. Attila has also taken on the role of Studio Manager, keeping on top of how all the equipment works and reporting any faults. For a young lad, Attila has shown a great sense of responsibility and has been an active member of Dusty's Management Committee since July 2019.

Attila broadcasts a show every Monday in which he engages with the local community. He is also very active in showing people how Dusty's equipment works and how programs can be made.

### **Chevahn Hoad**

Chevahn contributes within the community as a volunteer for various groups, she is the President of the Coober Pedy Golf Club and Treasurer of the Coober Pedy Race Club. As an employee of the District Council of Coober Pedy, Chavahn organizes the annual event The Great Kanku-Breakaways Marathon and the children's program, Little Musicians. Chavahn also provides swimming lessons to school classes for the Education Department, as she is one of the only qualified people in Coober Pedy being able to do so.

Whenever Chavahn is involved in the organizing of events or volunteering for anything within the community she always does to a high standard. She goes above and beyond what is expected of her. As the President of the Coober Pedy Golf Club, apart from managing the running of the club, she hosts events such as Halloween and Christmas parties which are open to the wider community, perhaps in the hope to bring more members and interest to the club.

Since Chavahn has been in the Coober Pedy Race Club, she has been heavily involved in the organizing of the annual Coober Pedy Amateur Gymkhana and Races as well as being the Treasurer of the club. Chavahn has incorporated a large community focus in her role as Executive Officer of the Kanku-Breakaways Co-Management Board with the Breakaways team having a large focus on community engagement with involvement in events such as NAIDOC and Reconciliation Week.

Chevahn is an active volunteer with the Karate Club, with assisting the setting up and packup of equipment for lessons and anywhere else she may be able to help.

Chevahn is currently a voluntary committee member of the Flinders Ranges and Outback South Australia Tourism Board, which promotes tourism for the Flinders Ranges and outback region.

For many years Chevahn was one of the main organisers of the Opal Festival in a volunteer capacity. She never seeks accolades for her contribution to the community.

She has not had her contributions formally recognized elsewhere.

## **WINNERS**

- Lifetime Achievement Award – Nick Moulas
- Community Event of the Year – Opal Festival 2019
- Young Citizen of the Year – Attila Foelai
- Citizen of the Year – Chevahn Hoad